

from the center of the shrub. The shining dark green foliage, which is remarkably persistent, reminds one of a myrtle and, with the white flowers and blue-black fruits, makes the plant a very attractive ornamental. (Adapted from Sargent, *Plantae Wilsonianae*, vol. 2, p. 601; and from *Revue Horticole*, vol. 73, p. 495.)

*Mimusops huberi* (Sapotaceae), 49709. From Para, Para, Brazil. Seeds presented by Mr. Paul Le Cointe, Goeldi Museum. "'Massaranduba' with large yellow fruits; from the vicinity of Para." (Le Cointe.) A large tree, found in the primeval forests of Para, Brazil; it has very thick rough bark and obovate leaves about 6 inches long. The one or two-seeded roundish fruits are pale yellow with occasional reddish violet markings. They are edible and are sold in the markets of Para. The timber is used for general construction work and for railroad ties. (Adapted from *Archivos do Jardim Botânico do Rio de Janeiro*, vol. 2, p. 14.)

*Odina edulis* (Anacardiaceae), 49597. From Kafue, Northern Rhodesia. Seeds collected by Dr. H. L. Shantz, agricultural explorer. "No. 33. A dark purple grapelike fruit with a delicate skin, somewhat musty in flavor but pleasant after the first taste. It is eaten by the natives and is supposed to be a cure for 'black water fever.' The fruits are produced before the leaves, the latter appearing at about the time the fruits are ripe. This plant is acaulescent or, at least, does not develop much above the surface of the soil and thus escapes the annual fires. It is abundant from Pretoria to Kafue." (Shantz.)

*Piptanthus nepalensis* (Fabaceae), 49645. From Darjiling, India. Seeds presented by Mr. G. H. Cave, curator, Lloyd Botanic Garden. A fairly hardy evergreen climber with beautiful foliage and flowers which are attractive throughout the summer. It thrives in poor soils, if the situation be warm, sunny, and sheltered. In common with most leguminous plants, *Piptanthus* makes simple vertical roots, 3 feet in length; it then develops stems 3 feet long the first season and reaches a height of 10 feet in the third year. It speedily covers the wall space allotted to it. In the first spring it will make lateral growths, each terminated by a yellow-flowered raceme that in shape closely resembles a bunch of grapes; the individual flowers bear a close resem-